

MONTHLY STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA - APRIL, 1959

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POPULATION ESTIMATESWhole State at 31st December, 1958 -

Males - 366,356

Females - 347,227

Persons - 713,583

Metropolitan Statistical Division at 31st December, 1958 -

Persons - 387,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

	<u>MARCH</u>		<u>Three Months ended</u> <u>MARCH</u>	
	1959	1958	1959	1958
Marriages - Number	387	415	1,361	1,361
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	6.37	6.97	7.62	7.77
Births - Number	1,319	1,318	4,064	4,265
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	21.71	22.13	22.74	24.34
Deaths - Number	424	390	1,175	1,253
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	6.98	6.55	6.58	7.15
Infant Mortality - Number	29	27	85	84
* Rate per 1,000 Live Births	21.99	20.49	20.92	19.70
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH</u>				
Tuberculosis	2	2	5	8
Malignant neoplasms	79	68	212	219
Diabetes mellitus	2	1	9	9
Diseases of blood, etc.	-	-	3	2
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	55	40	153	157
Diseases of the heart	126	128	355	379
Hypertension with heart disease	5	9	18	29
Hypertensive disease without mention of heart	5	2	10	7
Arteriosclerosis	7	8	21	29
Influenza	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	14	19	26	47
Bronchitis	6	4	15	10
Other respiratory diseases	6	3	11	11
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2	3	6	9
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	1	8	6	12
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	1	1	1	4
Cirrhosis of the liver	2	4	5	9
Nephritis and nephrosis	3	5	9	9
Disease of the prostate	3	3	10	17
Maternal causes	1	2	1	3
Diseases of early infancy	19	14	51	53
Motor vehicle accidents	10	14	42	47
Other accidents	20	11	61	51
Suicide	5	10	17	28
All other causes	50	31	128	104
Total:	424	390	1,175	1,253

\* Equivalent Annual Rate.

★ Deaths under one year.

LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the four months ended April, 1959, totalled 401,221 acres, a decrease of 50,238 acres compared with the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered during the same period amounted to 7,965,496 acres, an increase of 7,346,018 acres compared with the corresponding period of 1958.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Item	APRIL		Ten Months ended APRIL	
	1959	1958	1959	1958
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	5,836,153	5,244,926	47,434,018	44,700,019
Revenue per Head of Population	8. 2. 11	7. 9. 5	66. 14. 4	64. 2. 1
Expenditure	5,183,282	4,632,307	51,557,545	47,792,694
Expenditure per Head of Population	7. 4. 8	6. 12. 0	72. 10. 3	68. 10. 10

SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances at the end of April, 1959, amounted to £69,259,129 or £96-11-11 per head of population as against £64,775,083 or £92-3-7 per head at the end of April, 1958.

BANK CLEARANCES

The average weekly clearance for the five weeks ended 29th April, 1959, amounted to £15,358,302 compared with £15,259,256 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		APRIL		Ten Months ended APRIL	
		1959	1958	1959	1958
Transfers	No.	1,720	1,517	15,878	16,383
	£.	3,159,635	2,824,014	26,741,291	28,635,089
Mortgages	No.	1,401	1,335	12,351	12,473
	£.	2,932,973	2,624,569	24,421,898	23,678,209
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	1,047	1,060	9,194	9,555

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS  
AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
April, 1959	3,816,865	4,226,709	11,250,555	640,606
April, 1958	3,845,819	4,048,977	11,139,943	586,230
Ten Months ended April, 1959	39,220,781	31,667,455	101,213,874	6,043,080
Ten Months ended April, 1958	38,947,096	29,118,715	107,104,132	5,724,988

# COMPANIES REGISTERED

196 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £9,852,852 and 98 Foreign Companies were registered during the ten months ended April, 1959. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 228 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £9,281,000 and 89 Foreign Companies.

## BANKRUPTCY

Item	Ten Months ended APRIL					
	1959			1958		
	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.
Sequestration Orders	96	428,132	90,252	96	177,616	54,030
Deeds of Assignment (a)	77	409,512	357,519	80	421,773	373,759
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

## TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

Item		MARCH		Nine Months ended MARCH	
		1959	1958	1959	1958
Gross Earnings (a)*	£.	1,171,300	1,139,800	9,890,500	9,628,500
Operating Expenses (a)	£.	1,232,625	1,221,462	11,027,985	11,020,432
Train Miles Run	No.	663,796	626,450	5,673,704	5,473,361
Motor Bus Miles Run	No.	(b)94,982	(c)100,399	(d)855,874	(e)933,761
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>					
Train	No.	1,133,751	1,172,146	10,832,626	10,643,252
Motor Bus	No.	22,901	22,781	198,885	211,271
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>					
Paying Goods		363,260	334,228	2,628,676	2,515,510
Livestock		9,950	7,808	119,173	106,132
Departmental (Free Freight)		52,503	57,044	535,228	486,033
Total:		425,713	399,080	3,283,077	3,107,675
<u>Net Ton Mileage of -</u>					
Paying Goods		58,861,581	51,894,828	429,903,820	404,846,194
Livestock		1,174,722	939,520	15,777,825	14,493,573
Departmental (Free Freight)		5,061,314	4,579,921	49,368,144	47,563,702
Total:		65,097,617	57,414,269	495,049,789	466,903,469

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Four weeks ended 28th February.

(c) Four weeks ended 1st March.

(d) Period 1st July to 28th February.

(e) Period 1st July to 1st March.

\* Figures subject to revision.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area					Whole State (a)				
	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1954	6,499	161	2,326	34	736	11,667	217	5,866	70	1,267
1955	6,852	162	2,371	18	701	11,612	233	5,373	59	1,130
1956	5,219	97	1,759	24	724	9,067	169	4,413	85	1,057
1957	5,639	228	1,856	35	1,007	9,865	370	4,385	71	1,447
1958	5,794	762	1,942	15	1,306	9,548	1,290	4,784	43	1,860
1959 -										
January	435	77	180	-	149	732	118	419	3	182
February	446	68	153	-	166	719	108	398	10	214
March	393	88	138	-	134	656	129	404	6	191

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Whole State (a)			
	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1956 -								
June	(b) 61,835	(b) 24,169	548	9,253	(b) 98,875	(b) 64,430	1,175	13,873
December	(b) 64,158	(b) 24,641	553	9,133	(b) 101,708	(b) 64,765	1,189	13,551
1957 -								
June	65,013	24,354	560	8,770	103,788	64,806	1,204	13,146
December	67,315	24,209	592	8,389	107,052	64,236	1,234	12,599
1958 -								
June	69,414	24,217	553	8,580	110,573	65,046	1,190	12,827
December	73,190	24,908	545	8,759	114,685	65,582	1,177	12,935
1959 -								
January	74,068	25,172	560	8,870	115,044	65,100	1,082	12,826
February	74,286	25,139	564	8,961	115,371	65,174	1,175	12,971
March	74,510	25,170	564	8,995	116,297	65,870	1,184	13,183

(a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services.

(b) Prior to June, 1957, Station Wagons are included with Utilities, Vans, Trucks.

TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Expressed in Terms of Australian Currency

(£,000)

Item	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	MARCH		Nine Months ended MARCH		MARCH		Nine Months ended MARCH	
	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958
Oversea	2,839	2,780	35,474	33,724	7,756	6,383	70,155	76,638
Interstate	6,302	9,268	71,871	72,052	1,722	2,880	24,491	29,786
Total:	9,141	12,048	107,345	105,776	9,478	9,263	94,646	106,424



BUILDING ACTIVITY

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,424	8,496	19,934
1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
1954	3,127	8,255	5,044	13,491	111	1,544	844	5,015	9,126	28,305
1955	2,788	8,194	6,422	18,091	129	3,405	933	6,900	10,272	36,590
1956	1,921	5,708	4,773	13,508	97	946	923	7,359	7,714	27,521
1957	1,401	4,086	4,748	13,680	100	1,110	714	6,450	6,963	25,326
1958	1,371	3,884	4,638	13,978	146	1,851	714	10,735	6,869	30,448
1959 -										
March Qr.	366	981	1,028	3,071	24	139	161	2,045	1,579	6,236

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residentials excluded from Table (2) below.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

(includes Owner-Built Houses)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Cement, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
1954	2,865	9,767	214	530	4,823	10,833	4	4	7,906	21,134
1955	3,268	11,775	225	621	5,271	12,614	8	17	8,772	25,027
1956	3,017	10,491	62	175	2,964	6,864	4	9	6,047	17,539
1957	3,773	12,159	28	67	2,139	4,890	6	9	5,946	17,125
1958	3,764	12,501	41	115	1,935	4,547	3	4	5,743	17,167
1959 - March Qr.	831	2,775	9	19	532	1,215	1	2	1,373	4,011

GOLD PRODUCTION

Item	APRIL		Four Months ended APRIL	
	1959	1958	1959	1958
Quantity Fine oz.	62,686	60,856	257,054	258,803
Value (Aust. Currency) (a) £.	979,474	950,862	4,015,860	4,043,778
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies £.	-	-	218,750	227,344

(a) Excludes additional premiums on gold sold by Gold Producers' Association Limited and subsidy paid by the Commonwealth Government.

RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities for 1923/27 = 1000)

Centre	Food and Groceries				"C" Series			
	MARCH Quarter		Twelve Months ended MARCH		MARCH Quarter		Twelve Months ended MARCH	
	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959
Metropolitan Area	2941	3000	3019	2986	2712	2770	2729	2758
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	3173	3249	3194	3224	2630	2679	2627	2665
Northam	3088	3088	3128	3093	2693	2711	2702	2712
Bunbury	3151	3059	3146	3088	2782	2805	2762	2796
Geraldton	3215	3258	3232	3241	2931	2994	2928	2971
Collie	3180	3146	3182	3175	2519	2528	2514	2533

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT

(Excluding Wage Earners in Rural Industry, Female Private Domestic, Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp).

(Thousands)

Month	Males	Females	Persons	Month	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1957:</u>				<u>1958 (cont.):</u>			
April	139.4	45.0	184.4	April	139.4	45.9	185.3
May	138.9	45.1	184.0	May	138.8	45.9	184.7
June	138.4	44.5	182.9	June	138.6	45.6	184.2
July	137.9	44.7	182.6	July	138.1	45.6	183.7
August	137.8	45.0	182.8	August	138.3	45.9	184.2
September	138.3	45.2	183.5	September	138.8	46.2	185.0
October	138.7	45.2	183.9	October	139.2	46.2	185.4
November	139.1	45.7	182.8	November	139.1	46.4	185.5
December	138.7	46.0	184.7	December	139.3	46.8	186.1
<u>1958:</u>				<u>1959:</u>			
January	138.7	45.2	183.9	January	139.3	46.3	185.6
February	138.9	45.7	184.6	February	139.2	46.5	185.7
March	139.8	46.0	185.8	March	139.7	46.8	186.5

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT

(Base: 1928/29 - 19,799 Employees = 100)

Month	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959
January	226	237	241	232	231	225
February	228	240	241	235	233	226
March	231	242	240	236	234	227
April	230	243	239	234	233	
May	231	242	238	234	230	
June	230	239	235	231	228	
July	230	238	231	229	225	
August	230	239	230	229	225	
September	232	241	233	232	225	
October	233	241	233	232	226	
November	234	243	233	233	227	
December	233	242	232	232	226	

STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area			South-West Land Division			Goldfields and Rest of State		
	Male		Female	Male		Female	Male		Female
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
27/4/59	13. 15. 1	8. 18. 10	13. 14. 6	8. 18. 5	13. 11. 6	8. 16. 6			

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
March, 1959	10,525	1,438	98,591	32,121	12,760
March, 1958	9,018	414	53,807	29,078	17,789
9 Months ended March, 1959	121,551	10,747	856,737	638,085	137,708
9 Months ended March, 1958	95,796	4,910	516,508	542,561	150,752

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(Note - Excludes non-casualty accidents where damage was estimated to be £10 or less)

The term "Metropolitan" refers to the Metropolitan Traffic Area

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents Reported		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State
1954	5,072	6,896	2,415	3,289	7,487	10,185	96	185	3,028	4,309
1955	5,878	7,907	2,237	3,158	8,115	11,065	110	199	2,669	3,987
1956	5,866	7,961	2,161	3,036	8,027	10,997	102	182	2,653	3,889
1957	6,150	8,343	2,244	3,220	8,394	11,563	87	152	2,733	4,068
1958	6,614	8,691	2,412	3,451	9,026	12,142	80	183	2,990	4,478
1959 -										
January	448	663	193	291	641	954	7	16	248	420
February	460	594	199	283	659	877	5	12	265	386
March	464	628	217	296	681	924	11	17	255	364
Three Months ended March	1,372	1,885	609	870	1,981	2,755	23	45	768	1,170

MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS

(SUBJECT TO REVISION)

Item	Unit	APRIL		Ten Months ended APRIL	
		1959	1958	1959	1958
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	number	444	641	4,328	4,618
Bricks - Cement	'000	181	43	1,073	1,646
- Clay	"	8,616	7,513	76,790	84,299
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq. yd.	136	111	1,090	1,251
Lime (Quicklime)	ton	1,880	1,744	18,863	21,644
Ready Mixed Paints and Enamels excluding Water Paints	gallon	28,084	24,121	245,165	254,617
Tiles, roofing - Cement	'000	567	522	4,665	5,840
Timber, - Sawn (from Local Logs) (a)	'000 sup. ft.	15,818(b)	17,537(b)	157,543(c)	154,049(c)
<u>Clothing</u>					
Blazers - Men's and Boys'	number	803	1,179	8,416	8,654
Pyjamas, Woven - Men's and Boys'	dozen	1,399	1,466	10,758	9,068
Shirts (all types) Men's and Boys'	"	3,758	3,466	46,863	44,209
Shorts - Leisure, Walk and Work - Men's and Boys'	number	12,194	15,517	237,923	225,721
Sports Coats - Men's	"	592	169	2,605	3,229
Suits - Men's - 3 piece	"	32	63	532	886
2 piece	"	1,172	1,107	13,092	14,332
Trousers - Men's - Sport	"	5,025	4,181	48,188	47,613
- Work	"	16,758	14,147	129,402	124,308
<u>Food and Drink</u>					
Aerated Waters	'000 gallon	249	232	3,694	(d)
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	540	522	5,566	5,602
Butter	"	189	201	12,079	13,508
Cheese	"	59	45	2,226	2,167
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Coal	ton	72,172	53,595	732,874	683,432
Electricity Generated	'000 K.W.H.	71,980	65,612	720,271	686,701
Mattresses - Inner Spring	number	2,850	2,197	28,025	24,306
- Woven Wire	"	918	1,886	18,341	22,644
- Soft Filled	"	2,837	2,668	28,909	32,409
Motor Vehicle Bodies - Trailers (all types)	"	35	20	244	119
Truck Trays	"	32	51	371	407
Sulphuric Acid	ton	17,886	18,338	165,707	177,766
Superphosphate	ton	48,214	51,310	454,214	492,245
Wool Scoured	'000 lb.	2,573	1,262	22,485	21,743

(a) Includes plywood veneers in terms of super feet.

(b) March figures, April not available.

(c) Nine months ended March.

(d) Not available.



# VALUE OF RETAIL SALES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS

The figures in the table below relate to goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainments, meals, etc.) sold to the public by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards). The figures for the years 1948-49, 1952-53 and 1956-57 were obtained from Censuses taken in respect of those years, whereas particulars for 1957-58 and quarterly periods are estimates based on sample surveys and are subject to revision when final results of the 1956-57 Census of Retail Establishments are available.

(& Million)

Period	Groceries	Butchers' Meat	Other Food (a)	Beer, Wine and Spirits	Clothing, Drapery, Piccogoods and Footwear	Hardware, China and Glassware (b)	Electrical Goods and Radios	Furniture and Floor Coverings	Other Goods (c)	Total Excluding Motor Vehicles, etc.	Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc. (d)
<u>YEARS</u>											
1948-49	10.8	4.0	7.1	8.5	14.3	3.8	2.4	3.0	10.8	64.7	13.7
1952-53	20.7	8.2	13.7	14.4	24.1	9.3	6.1	5.2	24.7	126.4	37.3
1956-57	26.2	11.3	18.6	17.6	28.1	10.1	7.5	6.1	30.3	155.8	49.3
1957-58	29.1	11.5	20.6	17.9	29.3	12.1	8.1	6.7	33.7	169.0	58.1
<u>QUARTERS</u>											
March Qtr.											
1955	6.3	2.2	4.1	4.2	5.9	2.5	1.8	1.4	8.0	36.4	11.5
1956	6.7	2.4	4.9	4.4	5.8	2.5	2.1	1.4	8.1	38.3	12.2
1957	6.6	2.6	5.0	4.5	6.0	2.8	1.8	1.5	8.5	39.3	11.6
1958	7.1	2.8	5.3	5.0	6.2	2.9	2.0	1.5	9.0	41.8	14.7
June Qtr.											
1955	6.4	2.4	3.8	3.6	7.3	2.6	1.5	1.6	8.0	37.2	12.4
1956	7.0	2.7	4.4	3.5	7.3	2.7	1.5	1.4	7.9	38.4	10.6
1957	7.0	2.8	5.0	3.9	7.4	3.0	1.8	1.6	8.2	40.7	12.7
1958	7.4	2.9	5.2	4.2	7.6	2.9	1.7	1.7	8.7	42.3	14.7
Sept. Qtr.											
1955	6.5	2.6	4.4	3.3	6.7	2.6	1.8	1.6	7.0	36.5	12.9
1956	6.7	2.7	4.5	3.6	6.6	2.6	1.6	1.5	6.9	36.7	10.6
1957	7.0	2.9	4.8	3.9	6.8	2.8	1.8	1.7	7.4	39.1	13.7
Dec. Qtr.											
1955	6.9	2.5	4.7	4.1	8.0	3.0	2.6	1.7	8.5	42.0	13.3
1956	7.1	2.6	4.9	4.4	8.1	3.0	2.2	1.7	8.2	42.2	11.7
1957	7.6	2.9	5.3	4.8	8.7	3.5	2.6	1.8	8.6	45.8	15.0

(a) Includes Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Confectionery, Soft Drinks, Ice Cream, Cakes, Pastry, Cooked Provisions, Fish, etc., but excludes most delivered Milk and some delivered Bread. (b) Excludes Basic Building Materials (o.g. Timber, Roofing Tiles, Bricks, etc.). (c) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, etc., Newspapers, Books and Stationery, Chemists' Goods, Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc. (d) Excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth-moving Equipment, etc.

# RETAIL HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES - NEW AGREEMENTS MADE

Figures relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. These comprise public and private companies, partnerships, banks and other finance businesses.

Period During which New Agreements were made	Motor Vehicles, Tractors, Etc. (a)			Plant and Machinery (b)			Household and Personal Goods (c)			Total (All Goods)			Total Balances Outstanding at end of each period (f)
	Number of Agreements	Value of Goods (d)	Amount Financed (e)	Number of Agreements	Value of Goods (d)	Amount Financed (e)	Number of Agreements	Value of Goods (d)	Amount Financed (e)	Number of Agreements	Value of Goods (d)	Amount Financed (e)	
		£'000	£'000		£'000	£'000		£'000	£'000		£'000	£'000	£'000
YEAR ENDED JUNE:													
1954	(g) 17,460	(g) 12,409	(g) 6,835	(g)	(g)	(g)	37,232	2,973	2,316	54,692	15,382	9,151	10,154
1955	21,679	14,645	8,505	745	604	387	49,831	3,835	3,091	72,255	19,084	11,983	14,151
1956	21,810	14,644	9,133	821	531	334	57,592	4,484	3,674	80,223	19,659	13,141	15,388
1957	20,790	13,523	8,326	1,385	963	604	60,417	4,338	3,522	82,592	18,824	12,452	15,488
1958	26,214	18,131	11,230	1,829	1,542	1,081	64,214	4,811	3,880	92,257	24,484	16,191	19,052
MONTH:													
1957 - September	1,963	1,310	810	103	70	47	5,628	400	328	7,694	1,780	1,185	15,982
October	2,282	1,527	946	167	170	118	5,441	437	353	7,890	2,134	1,417	16,393
November	2,212	1,548	952	249	212	138	5,648	444	358	8,109	2,204	1,448	16,900
December	2,447	1,557	985	139	121	83	6,893	539	435	9,479	2,217	1,503	17,470
1958 - January	2,280	1,598	996	124	91	62	5,437	453	366	7,841	2,142	1,424	17,838
February	2,099	1,615	1,005	164	136	93	4,661	389	310	6,924	2,140	1,408	17,841
March	2,277	1,571	971	206	181	123	4,501	382	305	6,984	2,134	1,399	18,060
April	2,303	1,757	1,059	226	204	143	4,485	331	267	7,014	2,292	1,469	18,471
May	2,314	1,645	1,028	170	129	95	4,938	358	285	7,422	2,132	1,408	18,828
June	2,078	1,409	874	102	75	57	4,927	323	267	7,107	1,807	1,198	19,052
July	2,252	1,472	908	112	58	41	4,504	310	250	6,868	1,840	1,199	19,160
August	2,050	1,323	815	101	116	90	4,286	301	246	6,437	1,740	1,151	19,363
September	2,234	1,523	945	146	117	77	4,365	342	272	6,745	1,982	1,294	19,605
October	2,602	1,673	1,037	234	149	79	4,986	382	317	7,822	2,204	1,433	20,107
November	2,283	1,645	1,024	324	377	236	4,830	397	325	7,437	2,419	1,585	20,708
December	2,355	1,593	992	190	245	172	6,012	488	396	8,557	2,326	1,560	21,201
1959 - January													(h) 21,267
February													(h) 20,654

( - Particulars not yet available - )

(a) Includes new and used motor cars, motor cycles, commercial vehicles, tractors, caravans, motor parts and accessories.

(b) Includes farm machinery and implements, earth-moving equipment, aircraft, industrial plant and machinery, business machines and equipment (including commercial refrigeration equipment), etc. (c) Includes furniture and furnishings, domestic refrigerators, electrical goods, radios, musical instruments, bicycles and other household and personal goods. (d) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance). (e) Excludes hiring charges and insurance. (f) Includes hiring charges and insurance.

(g) Details relating to Plant and Machinery are included with Motor Vehicles, Tractors, etc. (h) Preliminary estimate, subject to revision.

AVERAGE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PRICES (METROPOLITAN MARKETS)

Note - The average prices shown in this table have been computed from a systematic sample of auctioneers' records of fruit and vegetables sold on the auction floor at each sale conducted at the Metropolitan Markets. Where the volume of sales of a particular commodity in any month outside its recognized season does not reach a significant proportion of sales for the year, a price has not been shown.

Item	Unit	1958									1959			
		Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
FRUIT														
Lemons	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	s. d. 28. 0	s. d. 21. 2	s. d. 12.10	s. d. 13. 3	s. d. 11.10	s. d. 13. 7	s. d. 14. 1	s. d. 19. 5	s. d. 22. 4	s. d. 23. 6	s. d. 20.10	s. d. 23. 6	s. d. 25. 4
Oranges - Navel	bush.	-	31. 9	27. 5	29. 7	34. 0	38. 5	40. 6	51. 2	-	-	-	-	-
- Val.	bush.	34. 2	32. 7	-	-	30. 4	33. 6	30. 9	36. 7	39.11	40. 3	43. 6	40. 9	43.10
Bananas - Local	lb.	1. 1	1. 2	1. 2	1. 3	1. 4	1. 3	1. 3	1. 1	9	1. 0	8	8	11
Apples - G.Smith	bush.	30.11	28. 0	25. 2	30. 6	28. 7	27. 3	27. 7	36. 6	54. 6	-	-	16. 9	18. 4
- Other	bush.	37. 1	35. 3	34. 1	39. 2	41.10	34. 0	43. 6	49. 6	49. 6	33. 6	24. 7	20.10	29. 9
Pears	$\frac{1}{3}$ bush.	31. 2	-	-	27. 2	25. 3	-	-	-	-	29. 0	16.10	16.11	24. 2
Apricots	bush.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42. 2	28. 3	35.11	-	-	-
Nectarines	bush.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24.11	22. 6	29. 0	-
Plums	bush.	46. 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24. 3	18. 6	17. 6	22. 8	31. 5
Peaches	bush.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23. 4	19. 8	16. 4	20. 5	-
Grapes	$\frac{1}{4}$ bush.	25. 0	29.11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20. 2	19. 7	24.10	27. 2
VEGETABLES														
Cabbage	crate $\neq$	s. d. 5.10	s. d. 6.10	s. d. 7. 0	s. d. 7. 3	s. d. 6. 1	s. d. 5. 2	s. d. 5. 2	s. d. 6. 0	s. d. 5. 5	s. d. 9. 4	s. d. 13. 8	s. d. 16. 7	s. d. 11.10
Cauliflowers	dozen	18. 4	11. 0	14. 6	19. 2	15. 8	6. 7	18. 2	16. 8	-	-	18.10	13.10	17. 7
Lettuce	crate	12.11	7. 6	10. 6	7. 9	9. 6	7. 5	7. 1	8. 0	9. 9	14. 2	8. 3	8.10	8. 5
Table Celery	doz.head	12. 5	10.11	12. 1	8. 4	8. 7	9. 2	6. 6	9.10	9. 9	7. 7	8. 2	7. 4	7. 5
Beetroot	cwt.	34.10	26. 1	32.11	35. 5	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	33.11	35. 5	50. 0	66. 3	23. 6
Carrots	cwt.	33.10	20. 8	20. 7	17. 6	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	27.11	32. 5	46. 2	64. 7	63. 8
Parsnips	cwt.	55.11	48. 0	51. 7	46. 5	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	51.11	67.10	93. 7	112. 4	127. 3
Turnips	$\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.bag	5. 7	5.11	6. 9	5. 1	5. 1	5. 6	7. 3	9. 6	9. 4	11. 1	15. 3	12. 7	10. 5
Swedes	cwt.	28.10	26. 2	22. 8	20. 1	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	43. 7	56.10	62. 0	58. 2	60.10
Runner Beans	lb.	5	11	1. 3	1. 5	1. 4	1. 6	1. 0	11	8	1. 1	11	1. 1	5
Peas	lb.	1. 5	1. 4	1.10	1. 4	1. 1	11	8	9	11	1. 7	1. 9	1. 3	1. 2
Sweet Potatoes	lb.	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	5	5	7	7	5	5
Pumpkin	bag	15. 1	13. 7	12.11	14. 1	14. 7	13. 4	30.11	56. 8	65. 9	33. 5	18. 1	16.10	15. 8
Tomatoes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	23. 0	22. 7	24. 6	28.11	15. 0	14. 7	30. 2	35. 8	23. 3	14. 6	13. 8	15.10	14. 9
Onions (a)	ton	£. s.d. 36. 0.0	£. s.d. 36. 0.0	£. s.d. 36. 0.0	£. s.d. 36. 0.0	£. s.d. -	£. s.d. -	£. s.d. -	£. s.d. -	£. s.d. 40. 0.0	£. s.d. 40. 0.0	£. s.d. 40. 0.0	£. s.d. 40. 0.0	£. s.d. 40. 0.0
Potatoes (b)	ton	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	36.10.0	36.10.0	36.10.0	36.10.0	36.10.0	36.10.0	37.15.0

(a) W.A. Onion Marketing Board's price to Merchants delivered Metropolitan Area.  $\neq$  50 lb. crate.

(b) W.A. Potato Marketing Board's price to Merchants F.O.R. Perth. (c) Not available

AVERAGE PRICES PER HEAD OF LIVESTOCK SOLD AT THE MIDLAND JUNCTION SALEYARDS

Item	1958										1959			
	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	
<u>Good Quality Sheep</u>														
Suckers	-	-	-	4.14. 1	3.18. 6	3. 6. 9	3. 3. 9	3. 2. 1.	-	-	-	-	-	
Lambs - In Wool	3.19.11	4. 9. 1	4.15. 0	4.11. 8	3.14. 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.13. 7	3.17. 1	
- Shorn	-	-	-	3.13. 3	3. 4. 9	-	3. 2. 4	2.18. 0	3. 0. 9	3. 4. 2	3.16. 5	-	-	
Hoggets - In Wool	3. 9. 8	3.11.11	-	3.19.10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3. 7. 9	
- Shorn	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2. 7. 7	2. 9. 1	2.11. 3	3. 0. 4	-	-	
Ewes - In Wool	2.10. 1	2.13. 4	2.18.11	2.17. 2	2.17. 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.18. 5	2. 3. 6	
- Shorn	-	-	2. 1. 1	1.19. 3	1.14. 9	1.15. 6	1. 9. 9	1. 8. 2	1.12. 1	1.13.11	1.18. 6	-	-	
Wethers - In Wool	3. 4. 1	3. 8. 7	3.13. 2	3. 3. 3	3. 0. 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	2. 7. 4	2.14. 1	
- Shorn	-	-	2.15. 9	2.10. 0	2. 6. 7	2. 6. 4	1.16. 3	1.16. 8	1.19. 3	2. 4. 5	2. 7. 5	-	-	
<u>Good Quality Cattle</u>														
Baby Beef	30. 8. 8	37. 2. 4	35.13. 5	35.14.10	33.17. 2	31.14. 7	29. 0. 2	28.17.10	27. 1.10	28. 2. 8	29. 4. 9	31.14. 4	33.17. 1	
Heifers	35. 9. 3	41. 2. 6	40.12. 8	38. 7. 3	38. 4. 7	35.18. 1	34. 2. 4	34. 0. 4	33. 8. 7	37. 5.11	-	-	-	
Cows	41.12. 4	43.10. 5	43.13. 1	42.14. 1	42. 1. 1	39.18. 9	39.16.11	39.11. 3	39. 4.10	40. 3. 3	40. 3.11	42. 8. 7	46.10. 4	
Steers	44. 7. 9	48.13. 2	46.18. 5	46.14.11	47. 5. 0	44.17. 9	45. 5. 6	42.13. 5	42.15. 9	43. 0. 0	44. 1. 0	45. 5. 7	48. 8. 3	
Bullocks	53.18. 9	-	52.10. 7	46.10. 7	60. 9. 4	56. 4. 5	54. 8. 0	48.16. 1	44.16. 9	-	-	-	53.16.11	
<u>Good Quality Pigs</u>														
Slips	3. 0. 0	3. 0.11	3.18. 4	4. 5. 1	4. 9.11	4.14.11	4.16. 4	4. 9.10	5. 0. 9	5.14.11	4.18. 5	5. 4. 7	5.19. 1	
Porkers	6.16. 2	7. 6. 8	8. 8. 4	8. 6.10	8.10. 1	8. 6.11	9. 3. 7	8.18. 0	9. 2. 9	9. 6. 4	9. 1. 3	8.17. 5	10. 0.11	
Baconers	11.11.11	11.18. 7	13. 2. 9	13. 2. 9	13. 6. 6	14. 0. 0	14. 6.11	14. 5. 2	14. 4. 4	14. 7. 7	14.11.10	13.18. 3	15. 4.11	